

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2015**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Tom Boltjes, Joel Foxley, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, and Jerry Overweg. Others present were: Steve Christensen, Sharon Huizenga, Shauna Meyerink, Brandon Semmler, Scott Vanden Berge, and Tim Whalen.

AGENDA.

MINUTES.

Finance Officer Meyerink stated there was a correction in the April 6th meeting under the police report. **Councilmember Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the April 6th regular council meeting minutes with said correction. Motion carried on voice vote.**

REPORTS.

Mayor and Councilmembers: No report.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) The March financial statement was included in the packets. 2) Carpet has been ordered for the entry way of the Community Building. 3) Malt beverage renewals will be in process for May. 4) Todd VanMaanen was unable to attend the meeting to discuss curb and gutter. Todd plans to be at the May 4th meeting. 5) Helms was in town on April 15th to discuss the pool location and bath houses. Site drawings are being put together for the Pipal property. Mayor Gustad stated the Pipal property became the designated location for the new pool. Financial costs, available space, and events were all taken into consideration. Councilmember Lang stated he believes a motion should be made setting the location of the new pool after the surveying and soil testing is complete.

Police Department. Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) Requested permission to work the Sturgis Rally again this year. Semmler would be gone from July 30th until August 10th. Councilmember Lang questioned if Officer Sarne was available during the duration. Semmler requested that if needed, would council grant permission to hire part-time staff. Council stated they would consider the request but not taken action at that time. 2) Chief Semmler reminded the council of the Chief's Conference in Deadwood later in the week. 3) Chief Semmler informed the council that both officers would be in Lake Andes on April 30th for fire arm certification.

Public Works. No report.

PUBLIC FORUM.

BUILDING PERMITS.

CLAIMS.

Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve all claims as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Boljtes. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0. (Attached as separate document)

OLD BUSINESS.

Appointment of Election Superintendent: Finance Officer Meyerink stated the appointment was needed due to the replacement of the previous appointment of Elsie Tronvold. **Councilmember Foxley moved**

Lang seconded to appoint Anita Nachtigal as the election Superintendent. Motion carried on voice vote.

Alley Closure Request for July 3rd (Between 4th & 5th): Meyerink stated the lease agreements/rental agreements were not completed. **Councilmember Lang motioned to table the request until all agreements were complete. Motion seconded by Councilmember Boltjes. Motion carried on voice vote.**

NEW BUSINESS.

Public Hearing – Temporary Liquor License (Kuip’s): Without the completion of the lease agreements, an exact legal description was not available. **Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. for public comment. With no comments, Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. Councilmember Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded to set May 4th at 7:45 p.m. for the consideration of a temporary liquor license request for Kuip’s Lounge.**

Appointment of Councilmember: Mayor Gustad stated Scott VandenBerge had expressed interest in fulfilling the vacancy in Ward III for councilmember. **Mayor Gustad appointed Scott VandenBerge to fill the vacancy for Ward III until the next general election in 2016. Councilmember Boltjes moved and Overweg seconded to approve Mayor Gustad’s appointment. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Oath of Office: Finance Officer Meyerink administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember VandenBerge.

Canvass of Election: Mayor Gustad turned the meeting over to Council President Hoppe during the canvass. City Attorney Whalen explained the official canvass process. Finance Officer Meyerink presented the council with all documents from the election. Whalen explained to the council that while reviewing the election materials, Meyerink got concerned the absentee ballots did not get stamped with the official stamp. Whalen stated there was a case from Clark County where the same issue happened, and the supreme court case ruled to still count the unstamped ballots as it was deemed accidental. Upon reviewing the provided documents, **Councilmember Overweg motioned to canvass the election of April 14th, with 171 votes for Rick Gustad and 171 votes for Steve Christensen. Motion seconded by Councilmember Foxley. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Temporary Liquor License (Kuip’s) – Baseball Tournament: **Councilmember Foxley moved and Boltjes seconded to approve a temporary liquor license request for Kuip’s Lounge to sell beer at the baseball complex during the baseball tournament being held between July 20th and August 1st. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Lawn Mower Race Track: Mayor Gustad informed the council that the office received a request to allow a lawn mower race track in Platte. The track would be built by an organization and need lighting capabilities. Meyerink stated that the City could not get insurance coverage for the track. **Councilmember Foxley moved and Lang seconded to deny the lawn mower race track request. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Fishing Tournament: Finance Officer Meyerink presented a request from Savannah Boltjes, Cade Brondsma, Jayden VanZee, and Carter Dykstra to host a fishing tournament at Lake Platte on May 10th. Meyerink also stated there were no permits needed at this time from the City to approve such request. **Councilmember Foxley motioned to approve the request from Savannah Boltjes, Cade Brondsma, Jayden VanZee, and Carter Dykstra to host a fishing tournament at Lake Platte on May 10th. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Audit Quotes: Finance Officer Meyerink presented the quote from Schoenfish & Co., Inc whose quote was not to exceed \$9,500.00. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to sign the quote with Schoenfish & Co. for the two year audit which is not to exceed \$9,500.00. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Red Cross Agreement: Finance Officer Meyerink presented the Red Cross Licensed Training Provider Agreement. The provided swimming lessons are part of the Red Cross program. Meyerink explained an annual fee of \$300.00 is paid to Red Cross for the learn to swim facility fee. **Councilmember Boltjes motioned to authorize Finance Officer Meyerink to sign the Red Cross Licensed Training Provider Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Sewer Study: Mayor Gustad informed the council that Hoppe, Boltjes, and himself met with DENR and Stockwell regarding the current compliance schedule for the City. The schedule has been amended once and should not do it again. The current I&I issue was heavily discussed. The ammonia level is going down and that is one area the City struggles to stay in compliance. Mayor Gustad also stated that DENR said it is completely common for sewer rates to be in the \$40's. Councilmember Foxley said he would be in favor of requesting a second opinion on the current study and research alternate projects. Meyerink was directed to send the report to Infrastructure Design Group, Inc. for their opinion. No further action was taken at this time.

Iedema Lot Rent: Finance Officer Meyerink stated Brenda Iedema notified the office of the scheduled closing date for another property. Iedema's intend to be moved by the end of April. Iedema's questioned if the rent for the lot would be prorated with them no longer living there or if they would still be responsible for the \$100.00 per month. Following council discussion, Meyerink was informed to charge the \$100.00 per month; however, if Iedema's move out in the middle of the month, a prorated reimbursement can be given back at \$25.00 per week.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Lang moved and Overweg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer